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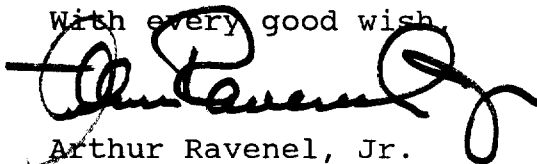
Honorable Alfred C. Sikes
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Sikes,

Enclosed please find copies of letters I have received from several of my constituents concerning the proposals to revise the Private Land Mobile Radio services (PR Docket No. 92-235) for your consideration. I understand that you will be accepting comments on this matter until May 28, 1993 and I would appreciate if you would send me a copy of your findings at the conclusion of your deliberations.

Thank you for your assistance.

With every good wish,


Arthur Ravenel, Jr.

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The Honorable Arthur Ravenel Jr
U.S House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ravenel

I am a retired Air Force Officer and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled aircraft.

I am very concerned about proposed rules presently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission(FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability or controlling drone aircraft.

Our radio frequencies are in the 72-75 MHz band. The band is used primarily for private land mobile dispatch operations. However our frequencies are far enough apart so we can share the band.

Now, FCC wants to create more mobile frequencies, as a result they will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference problems with radio control operations. Only 19 of the current 50 frequencies would be safe to use.

When we fly radio controlled aircraft we go to great lengths to insure the safety of the operators and bystanders. Many of our safety procedures involve careful coordination and use of our frequencies. If the number of frequencies are reduced, the margin of safety will be reduced.

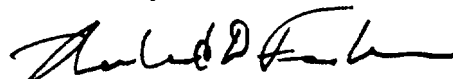
Model aircraft can have wing spans of over 12 feet and can weigh over 50 pounds. The models can be very expensive -over \$5000 in some cases. They can also cause great damage or personal injury. Our link to our model is our radio frequency. Any interference on the RC frequency results in an immediate crash of the model.

The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of

the radio frequencies. We in the hobby have considerable investment in our aircraft and our equipment. the hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement of the aviation industry.

Please object to the FCC carrying out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Fisher", written in a cursive style.

Richard D. Fisher
5306 Edith St.
Charleston, SC 29418

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The Honorable Arthur Ravenel Jr
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

Dear Mr Ravenel:

I am an active operator of radio control model aircraft and am very concerned about Federal Communication Commission (FCC) proposed changes in the 72-76 MHz radio frequencies in PR Docket 92-235.

In the event the proposed change is placed in effect it will be dangerous to operate my five model aircraft. It will deprive me of the pleasure I derive from this hobby as well as making my planes, engines and radios worthless.

I do not think it is prudent for the FCC to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control models.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposed PR Docket 92-235 change.

Sincerely,

Samuel McDaniel Jr
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CHARLESTON SC 29412